

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Elazar Rabbani et al.

Serial No.: 08/439,594

Filed: November 12, 1999

For: NOVEL SPECIFIC TARGET NUCLEIC ACID  
DETECTION AND AMPLIFICATION PROCESSES, AND  
COMPOSITIONS USEFUL FOR PRODUCING ONE OR  
MORE COPIES OF SPECIFIC TARGET NUCLEIC  
SEQUENCES

Group Art Unit: 1656

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March 20, 2002

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115**  
**(IN RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 20, 2000 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115) to the December 20, 2000 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 20, 2000 Office Action was originally due by March 20, 2000. Submitted with this response (Amendment) is a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and authorization for the fee therefor. Accordingly, with the expected granting of the Petition, this response (Amendment) will be considered as having been timely filed.

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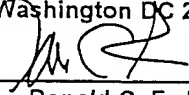
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